(c) if so, other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by theCBI, the CBI raided the premises of a former acting Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and registered a case against him and two other persons. The case is still under investigation.

(c) It is alleged that during the year 2000-2001, Justice M.R. Agnihotri (Retd.), the then Chairman, Oil Selection Board, Punjab-II, chandigarh entered into criminal conspiracy with Shri K.C. Garg, resident of 21, Atam Nagar Ludhiana and Smt. Saroj Rani wife of Shri Rajesh Kumar @ Vipin Kumar resident of Dhanaula, Distt. Sangrur to allot petrol pump in the name of Smt. Saroj Rani illegally with the object to cheat the Indian Oil Corporation by abusing his official position as a public servant and in pursuance of the said conspiracy Mr. Justice M.R. Agnihotri (Retd.) allotted Retail Outlet of IOC at Dereha, Distt. Ludhiana to Smt. Saroj Rani who was not eligible and had no land and finance, on the basis of false and fictitious documents submitted by Shri K.C. Garg, who in fact has got this retail outlet allotted in the name of Smt. Saroj Rani by paying Rs.30 lacs to Mr. Justice M.R. Agnihotri (Retd.). It is alleged that Mr. Justice M.R. Agnihotri (Retd.) collected money from various parties for allotment of petrol pumps and amassed huge assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Begging in Delhi

1530. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that begging is fast becoming a business in the capital city;

(b) whether at seven traffic intersections in the city as per recent survey by Butterflies, an NGO, most the beggers are migrants from Rajasthan, West bengal and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether an attempt made two years ago to drive out beggars from Delhi failed; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to eradicate begging on the streets of the capital city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir. However, it does remain a socio-economic problem.

(b) A micro study of four traffic intersections conducted by the NGO revealed that respondents came from these States in search of livelihood.

(c) No, Sir. However, given the complexity of the problem the efforts made in this regard have to be continous.

(d) An Anti-begging Squad has been constitued for apprehending beggars from public places. During the period between April, 2001 to March, 2002, a total of 1755 beggars were apprehended. The apprehended beggars are sent to 12 custodial institutions being run by the Government of NCT of Delhi where services like boarding, lodging, medical care, vocational training, counselling and guidance are provided for weaning them away from begging and making them self reliant. Similarly, children below 18 years of age are sent to 14 separate institutions being run by the Government where services like boarding, lodging, vocational training, education, recreation and placement are provided.

Security arrangements during Amarnath Yatra

†1531. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made elaborate arrangements for the security of pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra this year in view of the tension between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) State Government has indicated that Government is firm in its resolve to provide adequate security to Amarnathji Yatra in view of the prevailing security scenario. Accordingly comprehensive security arrangements have been made. Each constituent of the security forces has been assigned specific duties and responsibilities like area domination and guarding of heights

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.